

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/KR2004/002255**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER****IPC7 A61K 35/78**

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)


A61K 35/78, A23L 1/29

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
KOREAN PATENTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR INVENTIONS SINCE 1975Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
PubMed on-line**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Y	WANG, YL et al. 'Effects and mechanism of total saponins of Panax notoginseng on anti-inflammation and analgesia' In; Zhongguo Zhong Xi Yi Jie He Za Zhi, 1994; 14(1): 35-6, 5-6	1-5
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A	JP 10-087692 A (TEIKOKU SEIYAKU CO., LTD.), 07 April 1998 See abstract	1-5
A	US 4,317,816 (OSAKA CHEMICAL LABORATORY CO., LTD.), 02 March 1982 See entire document	1-5
A	WEI, F et al. 'Effects of four herbal extracts on adjuvant-induced inflammation and hyperalgesia in rats' In; J. Altern. Complement Med., 1999; 5(5): 429-36	1-5

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

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A	LI, XY. 'Immunomodulating Chinese herbal medicines' In; Mem. Inst. Oswaldo Cruz. 1991; 86 Suppl 2: 159-64	1-5

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Claim 4 is directed to a pharmaceutical composition, and claim 5 is directed to a health food composition.

Although claims 4 and 5 are relevant to the composition comprising the same active ingredient, there is no technical relationship among a pharmaceutical composition and food composition.

Hence, the application contains the following separate groups of inventions not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (PCT Rule 13.1) :

- i) Claim 4 and the parts relating to a pharmaceutical composition of claims 1-3
- ii) Claim 5 and the parts relating to a food composition of claims 1-3

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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